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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Carsten SCHELP et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
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Application No.: 10/024,258 ) Examiner: David J. Venci  
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Filed: December 21, 2001 )  
) Confirmation No.: 5022  
For: DETECTION METHODS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2007, the time for reply being extended two months to April 21, 2008, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. Please reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

Attachments to the amendment include a copy of the German priority document DE 100 64 827.4, an English translation of same, a replacement sheet for Figure 2, and a revised version of a previously submitted PTO/SB/08 form.